

# House File 2437 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2157)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for licensees under the purview  
2 of the dental board relating to orthodontia services.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.   NEW SECTION.   153.24   Orthodontia-related  
2   services.

3     1.   A licensee under the purview of the board who provides  
4   treatment for the correction of malpositions of human teeth  
5   or the initial use of orthodontic appliances shall not begin  
6   orthodontic treatment on a new patient unless one of the  
7   following conditions is met:

8     a.   The licensee performs an initial in-person examination of  
9   the teeth and supporting structures of the new patient prior to  
10  beginning orthodontic treatment.

11    b.   The new patient provides the licensee with a record of  
12  completion within the prior two-year period of an in-person  
13  examination of the teeth and supporting structures of the new  
14  patient prior to the licensee beginning orthodontic treatment.

15    2.   The in-person examination required pursuant to  
16  subsection 1 shall include any appropriate conventional or  
17  digital radiographs that are necessary to develop a suitable  
18  orthodontic diagnosis and treatment plan.

19    3.   For the purposes of this section, "*new patient*" means a  
20  person whom a licensee has not examined, for whom a licensee  
21  has not provided care, or for whom a licensee has not otherwise  
22  provided consultation during the two-year period immediately  
23  prior to the patient's most recent appointment.

24                                   EXPLANATION

25                   The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
26                   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27    This bill prohibits a licensee under the purview of the  
28  dental board who provides treatment for the correction of  
29  malpositions of human teeth or the initial use of orthodontic  
30  appliances from beginning orthodontic treatment on a new  
31  patient unless either the licensee performs an initial  
32  in-person examination of the teeth and supporting structures  
33  of the new patient prior to beginning orthodontic treatment,  
34  or the new patient provides the licensee with a record of  
35  completion within the prior two-year period of an in-person

1 examination of the teeth and supporting structures of the  
2 new patient prior to the licensee beginning orthodontic  
3 treatment. The required in-person examination shall include  
4 any appropriate conventional or digital radiographs that are  
5 necessary to develop a suitable orthodontic diagnosis and  
6 treatment plan. The bill defines "new patient" as a person  
7 whom a licensee has not examined, for whom a licensee has  
8 not provided care, or for whom a licensee has not otherwise  
9 provided consultation during the two-year period immediately  
10 prior to the patient's most recent appointment.